STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

- 1. Name of Board, Committee or Council: Board of Osteopathic Examination's Council of Certified Professional Midwifery
- 2. Rulemaking hearing date: January 8, 2007
- 3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:

The Council does not believe that the proposed rules will directly affect small business. The amendments propose to eliminate language regarding certificate renewals being processed via the Internet. This has never been put into place because the Council's statutes made it prohibitive. The amendments also propose to revise language that only effect disciplined certificate holders, and not small businesses.

4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:

The Council does not believe that the proposed rules will cost anything for small businesses.

5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:

The Council does not believe that the proposed rules will provide direct benefits for small businesses

6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:

The Council does not believe that the proposed rules will cause an adverse impact for small businesses.

7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:

The Council does not believe there are less burdensome alternatives.

8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:

Federal The Council is not aware of any federal counterparts.

State The Council's statutes are the only health-related profession's statutes that require documents to be sent along with certificate renewal applications, thereby prohibiting Internet renewals.